

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE BOARD

INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARINGS

2002

The following tables present information on the actions of the Youthful Offender Parole Board (YOPB) at Initial Appearance hearings during 2002 and reviews of commitments by the Intake and Court Services unit of the Youth Authority's Institution and Camps Branch. Prior to November 1, 2002, any offender committed to the Youth Authority had to appear before the YOPB after admission. At the time of this initial hearing, the Board determined the offender's offense category, parole consideration date (PCD) under established guidelines, and recommended program. After October 31, 2002, staff in the Intake and Court Services began determining the offender's offense category, parole consideration date (PCD) under the same established guidelines, and recommended program. The YOPB reviews the decision, and makes any adjustments deemed necessary. During 2002, a total of 2,599 initial reviews were conducted.

Depending upon the circumstances of the offense, a Supplemental Initial Appearance hearing may be conducted by the YOPB at which a PCD can be extended or reduced. During 2002, the YOPB held 23 Supplemental hearings.

The time from the offender's acceptance by the Youth Authority to the PCD given, or approved, by the YOPB or Intake and Court Services is referred to as the PCD interval. Table 1 summarizes PCD intervals given at Initial Appearance hearings, while Table 2 summarizes PCD modifications made at Supplemental Initial hearings.

The YOPB has established seven categories of offenses (Board Hearing Categories) in order of seriousness, with Category I being the most serious. The YOPB has also established PCD guidelines for each category, e.g., 84 months for Category I. Deviations are allowed based on the circumstances of each offense.

An offense may be listed in more than one category, depending upon the circumstances of the crime. For example, burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *and* with substantial injury is in Category III; burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *or* resulting in substantial injury is in Category IV; first degree burglary is in Category V; and second degree burglary is in Category VI.

The tables show the baseline PCD guidelines in effect in 2002; the number and percentage of offenders in each category; the average PCD time given for each category and offense; and for initial PCD's only, the number of offenders whose PCD interval was below, at, or above the baseline PCD guidelines.

Please note: Though technically a part of Category VII, parole violator returns are displayed separately.

TABLE 1
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE INTERVALS AT INITIAL REVIEWS
BY YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE
2002

YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS	BELOW GUIDELINE	AT GUIDELINE	ABOVE GUIDELINE
TOTAL	2,599	100.0	16.2	356*	1,878*	343*
Total First Commitments	1,602	61.6	21.0	356	945	301
Category I (84 months)	11	0.4	68.3	5	5	1
Murder 1st	3		62.0	1	2	-
Murder 2nd	4		77.5	2	2	-
Carjacking	2		84.5	-	1	1
Kidnap (Death/Great Bodily Injury)	2		43.0	2	-	-
Category II (48 months)	151	5.8	38.9	75	71	5
Voluntary Manslaughter	5		47.4	1	4	-
Attempt/Assault to Murder	23		48.3	1	18	4
Aggravated Assault	1		24.0	1	-	-
Rape	7		43.4	2	5	-
Child Molesting	106		36.0	68	37	1
Sex Perversion	4		37.3	2	2	-
Extortion/Kidnap	5		48.0	-	5	-
Category III (36 months)	107	4.1	34.7	21	77	9
Robbery (Enhanced)	5		37.4	-	3	2
Robbery (Unenhanced)	8		35.9	1	7	-
Carjacking	38		35.4	5	30	3
Aggravated Assault	9		37.2	1	6	2
Rape	16		35.9	2	12	2
Sex Perversion	16		31.4	9	7	-
Others	15		32.3	3	12	-
Category IV (24 months)	395	15.2	22.5	88	272	35
Robbery (Enhanced)	72		23.4	10	57	5
Robbery (Unenhanced)	57		22.4	13	42	2
Carjacking	6		24.0	-	6	-
Aggravated Assault	130		23.3	23	86	21
Discharge/Display Weapon	13		24.5	-	12	1
Assault/Battery/Resist	7		24.0	-	7	-
Burglary (1 st Degree)	14		22.1	4	9	1
Narcotics Offenses	47		20.0	19	27	1
Arson	11		22.5	3	6	2
Others	38		20.3	16	20	2
Category V (18 months)	480	18.5	16.9	161	261	58
Robbery (Enhanced)	11		19.8	1	6	4
Robbery (Unenhanced)	93		16.5	29	59	5
Attempted Robbery	12		17.6	2	10	-
Aggravated Assault	81		17.3	24	43	14
Assault/Battery/Resist	49		17.8	15	24	10
Miscellaneous Assault	7		17.1	3	2	2
Burglary (1 st Degree)	168		16.6	66	80	22
Burglary (2 nd Degree)	5		16.4	2	3	-
Grand Theft	28		16.3	11	17	-
Others	26		16.3	8	17	1
Category VI (12 months)	425	16.4	13.8	6	237	182
Attempted Robbery	9		13.6	-	5	4
Assault	34		13.8	-	20	14
Burglary	82		14.2	-	42	40
Grand Theft	23		13.4	2	11	10
Receiving Stolen Property	34		14.0	-	18	16
Auto Theft	87		13.7	1	49	37
Narcotics Offenses	19		13.2	-	13	6
Weapons	90		13.8	1	51	38
Accessory	6		13.0	-	5	1
Others	41		13.8	2	23	16
Category VII (0-12 months)	33	1.3	12.8	-	22	11
Others	33		12.8	-	22	11
Parole Violator Returns (0-12 months)	975	37.5	8.1	-	933	42
Recommitments	22	0.8	19.1			

*Does not include the twenty-two recommitments.

TABLE 2
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE MODIFICATIONS AT SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL REVIEWS
BY YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE
2002

YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL	25	100.0	6.6
Total First Commitments	23	92.0	6.1
Category I	0	0	0.0
Category II	8	32.0	8.3
Child Molesting	8		8.3
Category III	1	4.0	6.0
Aggravated Assault	1		6.0
Category IV	5	20.0	7.8
Robbery (Unenhanced)	1		12.0
Aggravated Assault	3		6.0
Rape	1		9.0
Category V	4	16.0	4.5
Robbery (Unenhanced)	1		0.0
Aggravated Assault	1		0.0
Assault/Battery/Resist	1		12.0
Burglary (1 st Degree)	1		6.0
Category VI	4	16.0	1.5
Burglary (2nd Degree)	1		6.0
Weapons	2		0.0
Reckless/Hit & Run	1		0.0
Category VII	1	4.0	6.0
Robbery (Unenhanced)	1		6.0
Parole Violator Returns	0	0	0.0
Recommitments	2	8.0	12.0
Assault/Battery/Resist	1		12.0
Weapons	1		12.0